# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Indian Cultural Centres are located in various countries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish more such centres during 2007 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): The Indian Council for Cultural Relations is maintaining 18 Cultural Centres at Moscow (Russia), Cairo (Egypt), Port Louis (Mauritius), Georgetown

(Guyana), Paramaribo (Suriname), Jakarta (Indonesia), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago), London (UK), Berlin (Germany), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Tashkant

(Uzbekistan), Johannesburgh (South Africa), Durban (South Africa), Colombo

(Sri Lanka), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Suva (Fiji), Tokyo

(Japan) and 2 Sub-Centres at Bali (Indonesia ) and Lautoka (Fiji).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. There are proposals for setting up new Cultural Centres at several capital cities such as Kathmandu, Dhaka, Kabul, Beijing, Washington and Tehran during the financial year 2007-08. The setting up of new Centres depends on several factors such as availability of budgetary resources, agreements with the concerned foreign Government and availability of suitable premises etc.

(e) : Does not arise.